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1. THREE REPUBLICAN DETAINEES WHO ESCAPED FROM LONG KESH MAZE PRISON APPREHENDED LATE NOVEMBER 6 ABOUT 10 MILES FROM PRISON. IT BELIEVED ALL ESCAPEES NOW RPT NOW IN CUSTODY. ABOUT THIRTY INMATES INJURED, THREE SERIOUSLY, IN MASS BREAKOUT ATTEMPT.

2. FURORE AROSE NOVEMBER 7 OVER SHOOTING ESCAPEE HUGH CONEY BY TROOPS. ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CONSISTENT TO EFFECT TROOPS BELIEVED ESCAPING PRISONERS CARRYING ARMS BUT SOME GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS LABELED SHOOTING "COLD-BLOODED MURDER". NORTHERN IRELAND CIVIL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION CALLED FOR ARREST OF SECSTATE REES AS MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR BEHAVIOR TROOPS. THERE DEMONSTRATIONS PEACEFUL AND OTHERWISE IN BELFAST, LONDONDERRY AND CONEY HOMETOWN COALISLAND. SOME 150 PERSONS DESCRIBED AS QUEENS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS MADE ANTI-INTERMENT PROTEST MARCH BELFAST. QUEENS STUDENTS HAVE SELDOM DEMONSTRATED SINCE CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVITIES WERE SUPPLANTED BY VIOLENCE.

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SEVERAL BUSES AND ONE FIRE ENGINE BURNED BY DEMONSTRATORS IN

CATHOLIC AREAS BELFAST. TWO FEMALES HURT AND SEVERAL TEENAGERS
ARRESTED. OPERATIONS MAIN POST OFFICE BELFAST DISRUPTED BY
WALKOUT 150 EMPLOYEES.

3. THERE TWO SERIOUS INCIDENTS NOVEMBER 6 PERHAPS RELATED
TO CONEY DEATH. TWO SOLDIERS KILLED AND ONE WOUNDED IN AMBUSH
BY SIX ARMED MEN IN BORDERTOWN CROSSMAGLEN AND LARGEST PROXY
BOMB EXPLOSION IN MONTHS CAUSED FIRE THAT DESTROYED ALMOST
ENTIRE BLOCK IN BELFAST CITY CENTER.

4. AUTHORITIES PROCEEDING WITH INQUIRY INTO SHOOTING CONEY
AS ARMY COOPERATING WITH ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY
INVESTIGATORS. THIS MANDATORY PROCEDURE WHEN CIVILIAN SHOT
BY TROOPS NORTHERN IRELAND.

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